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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. Claims 11-16 are pending in the application. Claims 12-16 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration of the rejections.

DRAWINGS

In Item 10 of the Office Action Summary, reference was made to the acceptance of drawings filed "03 February 2007"; however, Applicant respectfully points out that no drawings have been submitted herein since those filed with this application on that same date in 2004, which were previously accepted. Applicant assumes this is merely a typographical error.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Linquest et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,483,665).

Claims 11 and 12 also stand rejected as being anticipated by Mita et al. (Japanese Patent 401221087A).

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yuanzhu (U.S. Pat. No. 6,879,294). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants have amended claim 11 to include the limitations of claims 13, 14, 15 and 16. Therefore, it is believed that these rejections have been overcome.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Linquist et al. in view of Carson (U.S. Pat. No. 6,356,239). Applicants respectfully traverse.

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Claim 11 is directed to a portable antenna assembly for communication with a satellite. The Examiner cites the Linquist reference for teaching a connector, a transmission wire and an antenna element. However, the Linquist reference appears to be directed to a tower-type system and thus is not directed to a "portable antenna" as recited in claim 11.

The Carson reference teaches a phased array antenna that may rotate. However, the portable antenna assembly does not include an antenna controller coupled to a motor for positioning the antenna element through the motor. Applicant does agree that a motor 16 is illustrated in the Carson reference, but there is no teaching for the antenna controller as part of the portable antenna assembly. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of amended claim 11.

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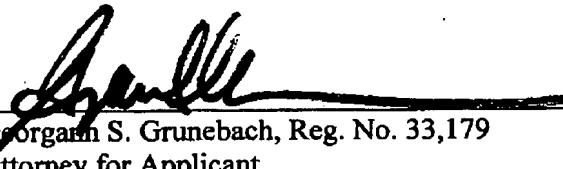
CONCLUSION

In light of the remarks above, Applicant submits that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments which would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Should any fees be associated with this submission, please charge Deposit Account 50-0383.

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